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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Sourwood or Sorrel Tree

Oxydendrum arboreum

Often referred to as a great native American tree, its originated on the east coast. It flowers are urn-shaped, small and white which typically appear in the fall. These flowers are very fragrant. Although this tree can reach heights upward of 65', its slow growth rate can make it an appropriate species for community plantings

-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes,
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

February is a tumultuous weather month here in Washington with potential temperature fluctuations, wind and lots of rain possible. Take a few minutes now to check those trees in your yard and make sure that the water is not puddling and causing the tree to drown and it is still upright and ready to make a great onslaught of growth this spring!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Dutch Elm Disease Seminar

Dutch Elm disease is a devastating disease that literally wiped out much of the east coast elm tree population years ago and seems to have now spread to the Pacific Northwest and the Puget Sound region. We can no longer say that this is something that we don't have here. Control measures depend on widespread knowledge of the problem and on cooperation between public agencies, arborists and landowners.

A workshop is scheduled for April 21, 1998 at Washington State University, Puyallup campus. This one-day seminar will focus on understand and managing Dutch Elm Disease. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jay Stipes, plant pathologist from Virginia Tech. Dr. Stipes is well-known for developing DED management strategies that work. The seminar will feature lecture, slides, discussion and field demonstrations.

The cost for this is \$45 and includes lunch. Registration is limited to 60 participants so don't waste another moment . . sign up now by calling Carrie Foss at WSU Puyallup at (253) 445-4577.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS DEADLINE LOOMING

March 16th is the deadline for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry grants. Grants need to be in the Resource Protection Division by this date so don't delay and get your grant in!

Approximately \$75,000 in monies provided by the USDA Forest Service will be granted on a competitive, matching basis, pending fund availability. Funding will be allocated for one-year projects of up to \$7,500 per grant. If you would like to receive a grant application, please send a self-addressed LABEL to tish carr, Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, Resource Protection Division, DNR, PO Box 47037, Olympia, WA 98504-7037. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the TreeLink Hotline at 800-523-8733.

1998 COMMUNITY TREES CONFERENCE - "MAINTAINING THE MAGNIFICENCE" " Keeping our Oldest and Grandest Community Trees Healthy and Safe"

DoubleTree Hotel at the Quay , Vancouver, Washington March 18-20 1998

Registration information has been sent out for the 1998 Community Trees Conference , "Maintaining the Magnificence." An exemplary group of speakers has been planned for this two and ½ day conference which will look at the habitats of older trees, care of existing trees facing urban pressures and sustaining the older tree infrastructure including budgetary and volunteer efforts, regulation, role of tree commissions, cooperation with interagencies and existing heritage/historic tree programs. If you would like to attend (or know some one that would like to or should) but didn't receive a registration brochure, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 800-523-8733. Don't delay - send that registration in today because March will be roaring in like a lion all to quick!

When making your room reservations at the Quay, make sure you let them know you are with the Community Trees Conference to receive a special discounted room rate!

In the works (continued)

*The tree which moves some
to tears of joy is in the eyes of
others as only a green thing
which stands in the way.*

William Blake

TRIVIA: What is the latin name for
the Norfolk Island Pine?

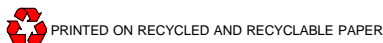
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below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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Aravacaria heterophylla

"ARBORLEAF" HAS HIT THE STREETS . . .

The annual January publication of the "ArborLeaf", published by the Washington Arbor Day Council, has just been released. It is filled with lots of pertinent information and reminders. There are a number of new seedlings added to the seedling selection for '98. The new additions are Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Sitka Spruce, Red Twig Dogwood, Japanese Maple and Blueberry. Although not all will be appropriate for every site, there is a description on what the tree or shrub looks like and what site it will do best in. Order forms are on the Arbor Day home page at "www.wadnr.gov/dnr" and then highlight the Arbor Day page.

There is a small grants program available through the Arbor Day Council. A 1998 Grant Application is included in the ArborLeaf. The Arbor Day Council grant awards can be either monetary awards (typically less than \$150.00) or seedling donations. These grants are awarded each year to schools, youth organizations and community groups to help make an Arbor Day project more successful.

Don't forget about the prestigious Arbor Day Council Recognition Awards either. An awards nomination form can be found in the ArborLeaf insert with the order forms and grant application. The awards are an effort to recognize continued growth and diversity in the Arbor Day program by individuals, communities, and professionals. Do you know of someone in your area that deserves such recognition? Take the time this weekend to fill out the awards nomination form and return to the Washington Arbor Day Council.

Last, but never least, is the Arbor Day Poster Contest. This contest is open to all fifth graders throughout the state. Packets of information were mailed out in January to all fifth grade teachers in Washington. If you have not heard about this but want to participate, please contact John Bergvall at (360) 902-1027 or call the TreeLink Hotline at (800) 523-8733.

"Northwest Gardeners Book of Lists" by Ray and Jan McNeilan. This book is a list of different things green industry folks might be interested in. For example, what are ten trees with character? It has recently been published and should be available through most bookstores.

"The Random House Book of Perfect Plants", by Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix.
New York: Random House, 1996.

February

- 4-8 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Seattle Convention. Contact 1-800-229-6311 for more information.
- 7 Seattle's Neighbor Appreciation Day; various block parties, open house and award ceremony. For more information contact Dept. of Neighborhoods, Seattle at (206) 684-0464.
- 10 PlantAmnesty Meeting of Like Minds at Center for Urban Horticulture, 7 - 9 p.m. Contact Cass Turnbull at (206) 783-9813 for more information.
- 15 PlantAmnesty's Fruit Tree Pruning Field Day, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Class includes indoor lecture, handouts, and outdoor breakout sections. Contact Cass Turnbull at (206) 783-9813 for more information.
- 17 Pruning Landscape Trees & Shrubs; presented at the Graham Visitor center, Washington Park Arboretum. For cost and registration contact Cener for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033.

March

- 5 Managing for Slope Stability; presented at NHS Hall, Center for Urban Horticulture. For cost and registration contact Cener for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033.
- 16 DNR Urban and Community Forestry Grant Deadline. Must be in Resource Protection office by this date. Questions? Call tish carr at (360) 902-1703.
- 18-20 1998 Community Trees Conference, "Maintaining the Magnificent" in Vancouver, Washington. For more information contact the TreeLink Hotline at (800) 523-8733.